Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know Sir to which portion the answer "The total expenditure up-to-date" is supplied?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* To sub-division (a).

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know Sir, with regard to sub-division (b) when the audit process was started with regard to the account of 1118?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Soon after the year was closed.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Can we have a more definite answer Sir, with regard to the time, say in which month? It has been stated by the Hon'ble Member for Civil Supplies that the audit was started soon after the year was closed. I seek to enquire Sir, whether the Hon'ble Member is in a position to give the House a more precise answer. By way of illustration I submit either in the month of Chingam, Kanni, or Thulam?

Rao Sahib M. M. Panl *(Director of Food Supplies):* Roughly in the month of Chingam.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, what is the strength of the staff that is employed in this process of auditing?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* There is a special audit officer and three auditors.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* When do the Government hope to finish the audit work of 1118 with regard to Rs. 1,77,35,907—7—0?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* After about three months, we hope to close it.

145. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the actual cost of establishment per month for the Supply Department for the run of the *Establishment* alone;

(*b*) the approximate amount invested in purchasing grain for the months of Chingam, Kanni and Thulam 1119?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) The cost varies every month. The average cost including Dearness Allowance per month during the 1st 4 months of 1119 is Rs. 20,098—15—9.

(*b*) The approximate amount advanced for the purchase of grain for the months of Chingam, Kanni and Thulam of 1119 (August 17th to November 16th) is Rs. 64,58,700. It is difficult to state the exact amount spent out of this towards the purchase of grain in these months since the accounts of foreign purchase for these months have not been fully received.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know Sir, whether the cost will be varying on the line of going down or going up after these four months?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* The cost goes up. The present average is a little higher.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* In the transactions for 1118, Rs. 1,77,35,907—7—0 has been spent?

Mr. President: Order, order. The Hon'ble Member is one question behind.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* The cost of establishment comes in this question also?

Mr. President: If the Hon'ble Member wishes to study the question paper, he must sit and study the questions.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* The question is whether in the monthly accounts there is loss or gain in the transaction.

Mr. President: That arises out of question 144. We have come to question 145.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* After deducting the cost from the income of the Department, is there a profit?

Mr. President: Order, order. Will the Hon'ble Member kindly resume his seat?

SCHOLARSHIPS AND STIPENDS—GRANT OF

146. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state the number of Scholarships, Stipends and Prizes awarded by Government to pupils in High Schools and the students of the Colleges in the State whose optional or second language are,

i. Sanskrit?
ii. Any Language other than Sanskrit?
iii. Arabic?
iv. Hebrew?

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Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):*

High Schools			College		
Scholar-ship	*Stipend*	*Prizes*	*Scholar-ship*	*Stipend*	*Prizes*
49	26	Nil.	14	5	Nil.
19	80	Nil.	10	5	Nil.
7	22	Nil.	..	5	Nil.
..	2	Nil.	..	1	Nil.

The figures furnished above relate to the academic year 1118—1119.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I understand that the 49 scholarships mentioned in the answer is intended for those who have taken Sanskrit?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* No, that is not the question. The question is, how many, who have taken Sanskrit as their second language have obtained scholarship? It so happened that in the eligibility people who ranked high are those who have taken Sanskrit as the second language. They are not specially reserved for people who take Sanskrit as second language.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* Why was not the answer given to No. 4? Now the total alone is given.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 have not been marked here. That is the only omission. I am sorry.

STORAGE OF WATER—MULLURKAYAL SCHEME

147. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Department of Agriculture has not reported to Government against the suggestion of storage of water involved in the Mullurkayal scheme;

(*b*) whether reference was made to the Present Director of Agriculture on it, and if not, why not;

(*c*) whether Government will not be best advised to have the Director of Agriculture along with the Special Officer on the committee to advise Government on the schemes and the proposals?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) No. The scheme consists only of storing water for the cultivation of kole crops. The scheme had been prepared by the Chief Engineer and no reference to the Director of Agriculture is necessary.

(*c*) It is not understood what committee is referred to in the question.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know Sir, whether the Government is aware of a Kole Committee?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Yes.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know whether it is the case of the Government that the Director of Agriculture is not one who can be consulted upon the question of sustaining the crops and preserving them from drought?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The Member has misunderstood the position. The scheme for storing water at Mullurkayal was prepared for the purpose of irrigating the Kole lands. For computing the area required for the storage of water and the method of storing water, I do not think that the help of the Director of Agriculture is necessary.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether the matter was ever referred to the Agricultural Department?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know Sir, whether this storage of water for the purpose of kole cultivation has any adverse reaction upon the growth of paddy in that area?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* There is no adverse action as far as we know.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* My we know Sir, the extent of land on which water is stored?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The extent of land which is submerged on account of storage of water consists of about 700 acres of kole lands and 200 acres of Mundakan lands.

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